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## **City Council Extends Ban on Evictions in San Diego**

*Relief for Renters and Small Businesses in Effect Until June 30*

SAN DIEGO – In a move to provide continued relief for struggling renters and small businesses, the San Diego City Council today voted to extend the City's moratorium on evictions until June 30.

The eviction ban, first approved by the Council on March 25, was set to expire on May 31. It prohibits landlords from evicting renters and small businesses that are unable to pay their rent or lease due to financial hardship brought about by the COVID-19 outbreak.

**"With nearly one in three San Diego County residents out of work and small businesses throughout the region still unable to serve customers, we could not let the moratorium on evictions expire," said City Council President Georgette Gómez. "I thank my colleagues for standing with me to make sure that no one becomes homeless during a public-health crisis, and that our local businesses don't lose their storefronts due to government safety orders."**

Under the moratorium, renters and small businesses cannot be evicted if they notify their landlord in writing, on or before the day the rent is due, that they are unable to pay. They have one week after notification to provide proof that their financial hardship is related to the COVID-19 pandemic. Landlords and tenants are encouraged to work out a payment plan on their own.

Those provided relief under the moratorium have until Sept. 25, 2020, to pay any unpaid rent.

**"While we have made sure that no one gets evicted at least through the end of June, a rent crisis is looming this fall," Council President Gómez added. "It will be extraordinarily difficult for many residents and small business to catch up on their payments. That's why I've asked Governor Newsom to implement rent-relief programs statewide to support those affected by COVID-19."**

Tenants and landlords can learn more about San Diego's eviction moratorium [here](#).

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Council President Gómez represents the Ninth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Alvarado Estates, City Heights, College Area, College View Estates, El Cerrito, Kensington, Mountain View, Mt. Hope, Rolando, Southcrest, and Talmadge. She chairs the City of San Diego Rules Committee and sits on the Metropolitan Transit System Board of Directors and on the SANDAG Board of Directors and Executive Board.